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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A method of reconciling physical inventory against an asset management database, the method comprising:
 - taking a physical inventory;
 - creating raw inventory data;
 - transferring the raw inventory data to a web server;
 - converting the raw inventory data into an intermediate database;
 - creating a copy of the asset management database;
 - reconciling records in the intermediate database against corresponding records in the copy of the asset management database by way of a web browser; and
 - updating the asset management database with records accepted during the reconciling step.
2. (Previously presented) The method as defined in claim 1 wherein taking physical inventory and creating raw inventory data further comprises, with a hand held bar code scanning device:
 - scanning a location code;
 - scanning assets codes associate with that location code;
 - repeating the scanning step at a plurality of locations and for a plurality of assets codes;
 - storing the location codes and the asset codes in the hand held bar code scanning device.
3. (Previously presented) The method as defined in claim 2 wherein storing the location codes and the asset codes in the hand held bar code scanning